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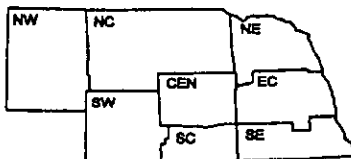
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from near normals to five degrees below normals. Precipitation was received across the State and ranged from traces to nearly three inches in the Panhandle.

GENERAL

Rains last week will assist wheat germination while slightly slowing fall harvest activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included moving old crop grain to market and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn condition rated 17% very poor, 14% poor, 35% fair, 24% good, and 10% excellent. Reports indicated that 93% had matured, well ahead of last year at 73% and the average at 56%. Corn for grain harvest at 30% complete was about three weeks ahead of average at 5% complete. The rapid harvest this fall is not only due to the drought shortened growing season but also because producers are concerned about stalk damage and potential lodging.

Soybeans condition rated 22% very poor, 23% poor, 32% fair, 20% good, and 3% excellent. By week's end, 96% of the crop had dropped their leaves, well ahead of the 64% last year and 59% average. Harvest was 18% complete and compares with 6% last year and 4% average.

CROPS Cont.

Sorghum was 90% mature by week's end, well ahead of last year at 45% and average at 42%. Harvest progressed well last week with 49% combined to date. Harvest progress compares with 4% last year and 2% average.

Dry bean harvest was 68% complete, as of Sunday. **Proso millet** harvest progressed to 74% combined to date.

Wheat seeding progressed to 65% planted to date and compares with 72% last year and 63% average. Last week's rain provided an improved outlook for producers and moisture for germination in most areas.

Alfalfa fourth cutting is nearing completion in many areas with about three-fourths harvested overall.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 57% very poor, 29% poor, 12% fair, and 2% good. Moisture received last week should benefit next season's growth potential, although producers continue to provide supplemental feed to cattle as needed. Producers are moving cattle to stalk fields as fields become available.

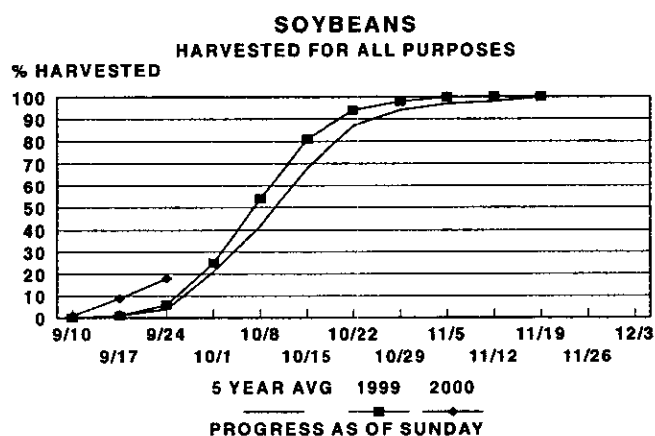
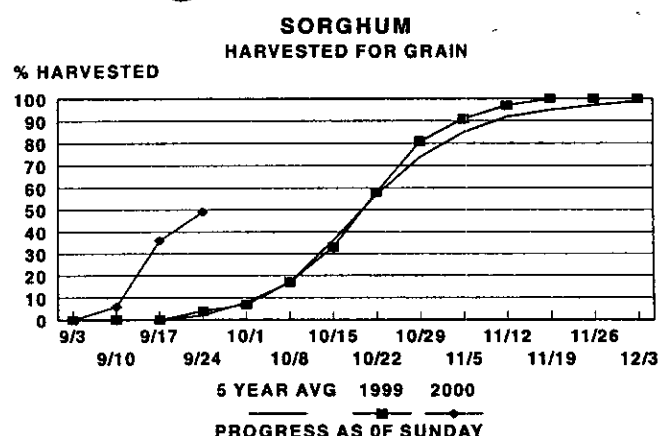
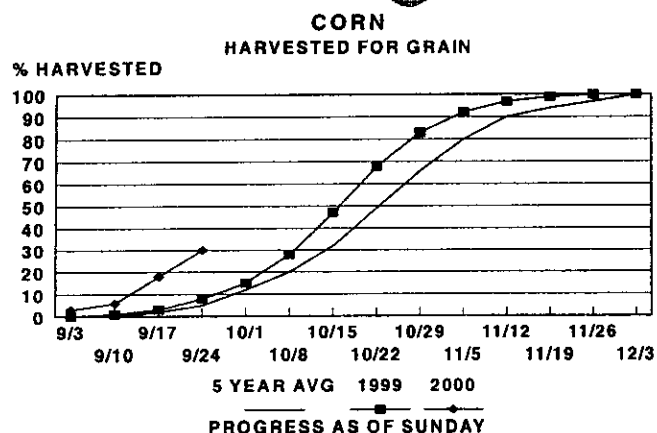
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2000		AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS							STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE	
		NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC					SE
PERCENT													
% Corn Mature		68	61	93	98	98	92	98	100	93	80	73	56
% Corn Harvested		10	20	23	23	26	18	31	82	30	18	8	5
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves		n/a	94	93	98	100	93	90	100	96	76	64	59
% Soybeans Harvested		n/a	15	4	28	21	16	38	23	18	9	6	4
% Sorghum Harvested		n/a	10	28	12	10	15	15	70	49	36	4	2
% Wheat Seeded		84	88	68	49	40	45	49	35	65	43	72	63
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2000													
Days Suitable		5.0	6.3	5.6	6.8	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.8	7.0	6.6	
Topsoil Moisture	- Very short	26	42	49	63	54	45	59	41	46	68	14	
	- Short	27	46	26	31	36	26	29	59	34	27	36	
	- Adequate	46	12	25	6	10	29	12	0	20	5	48	
	- Surplus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Subsoil Moisture-	- Very Short	38	77	84	65	82	87	83	92	76	76	11	
	- Short	39	23	10	28	17	13	17	8	18	20	32	
	- Adequate	23	0	6	7	1	0	0	0	6	4	57	
	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

n/a = not available.

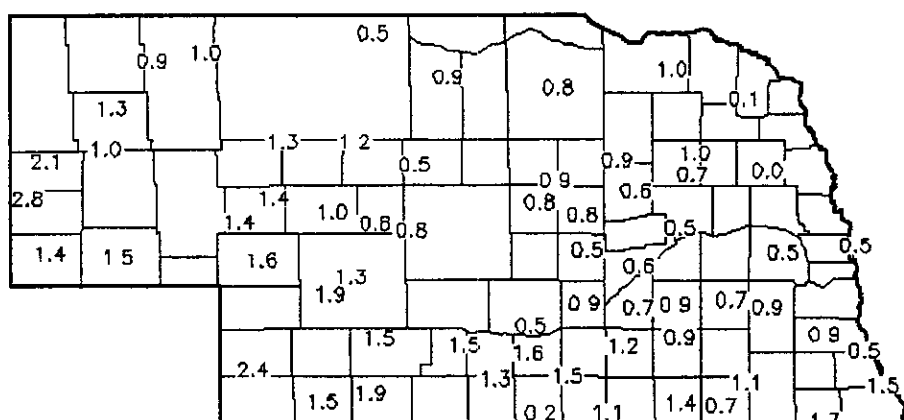
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PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2000



Source: High Plains Climate Center

PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2000

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.01	.69	.83	.57	.69	1.49	1.17	1.09
Total since April 1	12.46	13.34	16.68	16.53	17.30	9.44	15.53	15.98
Normal since April 1	12.91	16.29	18.58	18.04	20.54	14.95	18.15	21.20
Total as % of normal	97%	82%	90%	92%	84%	63%	86%	75%

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2000

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	100	32	57	.79
	Scottsbluff	99	33	55	1.77
	Sidney	91	31	54	.09
NC	Valentine	99	36	58	.49
NE	Norfolk	94	33	60	.96
	Sioux City	95	30	59	.91
CEN	Grand Island	96	37	62	.35
	Ord	94	35	60	.57
EC	Lincoln	98	37	63	.78
	Omaha	93	38	62	.49
SW	Imperial	97	33	59	1.74
	North Platte	95	33	59	.94